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IN URBAN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT,
JUNE 13-26 IN THE UNITED STATES.

1. ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEE POSTS IS DRAWN TO SUBJECT SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR WHICH FOLLOWS, ORGANIZED AND FUNDED BY U.S. UNDER AUSPICES OF UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE). EVENT WILL BE MOST EXTENSIVE OF THIS NATURE U.S. HAS EVER UNDERTAKEN. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS BACKGROUND FOR USE IN NORMAL CONSULTATIONS. SHOULD OPPORTUNITY ARISE, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR BY POLICY OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM MID- AND HIGH-LEVEL POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AS APPROPRIATE (IN THIS CONNECTION, SEE PARA 4 BELOW RELATING TO U.S. DELEGATION). POSTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE VISA REQUESTS FOR ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR.

2. SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON INSTITUTIONS, PRACTICAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES TO RECONCILE NEEDS OF TRANSPORT WITH CONCERN FOR QUALITY OF URBAN LIFE. BASIC TOPICS ARE CHANGING ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION (TOPIC A); URBAN TRANSPORTATION POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES (TOPIC B); INSTITUTIONAL COMPETENCE, LEGISLATION, FINANCIAL AND OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES TO GUIDE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS (TOPIC C); COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAM (TOPIC D); PLANNING MEASURES TO PROMOTE BALANCE AMONG TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION MODES WITH SPECIAL REGARD FOR HUMAN SCALE (TOPIC E); AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH POLICIES, PLANNING, AND ASSESSMENT OF TECHNOLOGY
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(TOPIC F).

3. STUDY TOUR WILL GIVE DELEGATES A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT TRANSIT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONING IN LARGER CITIES IN U.S. USG WILL PROVIDE ALL TRANSPORTATION WITHIN U.S. AT NO COST TO DELEGATES INCLUDING AIR TRAVEL BETWEEN CITIES ON STUDY TOUR. CITIES VISITED WILL INCLUDE BOSTON (EXAMPLES OF TOPICS B&C); MADISON, WISCONSIN (TOPICS B&E); SAN FRANCISCO

(BART SYSTEM, TOPICS C, D, B&F); DALLAS/FT. WORTH (AIRTRANS, TOPIC F) AND ATLANTA (TOPICS D&E). STUDY TOUR WILL TERMINATE IN NEW YORK FOR WRAP-UP SESSION.

4. U.S. DELEGATION (UNOFFICIAL AS YET) IS EXPECTED TO BE HEADED BY JOHN W. BARNUM, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH ALTERNATES ROBERT E. PATRICELLI, URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR, DOT, AND DAVID MEEKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, JANEZ STANOVNIK, WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR.

5. FIRST ECE SEMINAR ON ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN URBAN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT WAS HOSTED BY FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN MAY 1973. FORTHCOMING SEMINAR IN U.S. IS SECOND ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL SEEK TO EVALUATE EXTENT TO WHICH CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY FIRST SEMINAR HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOVERNMENTS AND IMPLEMENTED IN PRACTICE AND, IN DOING SO, WHAT LESSONS HAVE BEEN LEARNED. KISSINGER

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